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SUBJECT: COMSTITUENT ASSEMBLY: GVN RESPONSE TO CA'S REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF DECREE 21/66

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF CA COMMUNIQUE DATED DECEMBER 27 SIGNED BY SECGEN TRUONG TIEN DAT:

2. "ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, AT 1700 DELEGATION FROM NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (DIRECTORATE) HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL PHAM XUAN CHIEU, SECGEN OF NLC, AND INCLUDING MESSRS. HUYNH VAN NHIEM AND VU NGOC TRAN, CAME TO NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY'S PLACE OF BUSINESS TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

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OF NLC ON SUBJECT OF AMENDING DECREE-LAW 021/66 OF JUNE 19, 1966.

3. "THE NLC IS OF VIEW THAT GREAT MAJORITY OF POPULATION AS REPRESENTED BY 80 PER CENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WENT TO POLLS ACCEPTED THE TWO BASIC DECREES. LEADING TO ELECTIONS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1966, THAT IS DECREE-LAWS 21/66 AND 22/66. MOREOVER, DEPUTIES THEMSELVES AS WELL AS DEFEATED CANDIDATES ALSO ACCEPTED THESE DECREES WHEN THEY RAN FOR ELECTION. FOR THESE REASONS, IT IS DUTY OF NLC TO RESPECT WISHES OF GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR COUNTRYMEN AND NOT RPT NOT TO LOSE THEIR CONFIDENCE BY AMENDING TWO ABOVE-MENTIONED DECREES.

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4. "NLC HOPES THAT IT WILL NOT RPT NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO AMEND ANY CALUSE IN FUTURE CONSTITUTION, A CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO PRESENT SITUATION AND ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE.

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5. "ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT IS DISSEMINATING FOREGOING MESSAGE SO THAT IT CAN BE STUDIED BY ALL DEPUTIES."

6. COMMUNIQUE WAS CIRCULATED AT CA DECEMBER 28 SESSION AND WILL BE DEBATED AFTERNOON DECEMBER 29.
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NOTE: PASSED S/S-O, WHITE HOUSE, DOD, CIA, USIA, NSA 10:00 A.M., 12-28-66.

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